

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 20, 2010 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 56, 70, 83, 95, 102, 109, 116, 128, 141, 144, 150 and 153 are hereby amended. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 56-63, 65-76, 78-88, 90-119, 128-132, 141-145, 150-154 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 56-63, 65, 66, 69-76, 78, 79, 82-88, 90, 91, 94-98, 102-105, 109-115, 128-131, 141-144, 150-153 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,128,183 to Uchiyama et al. (hereinafter "Uchiyama"). Claims 67, 68, 80, 81, 92, 93, 99-101, 106, 108, 116-119, 132, 145, and 154 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Uchiyama."

The rejection of claims 56-63, 65, 66, 69-76, 78, 79, 82-88, 90, 91, 94-98, 102-105, 109-115, 128-131, 141-144, 150-153 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by "Uchiyama" is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 56, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 56 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... the flat display panel being disposed between the backlight unit and the second frame, wherein the first frame is capable of being fixed to a case with a fastening part at a rear surface of the first frame and covers an entire rear surface of the backlight unit." "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 56 and claims 58-63, 65, 66 and 69, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 70, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 70 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... the flat display panel disposed between the backlight unit and the second frame, wherein the first frame includes a fastening part at a rear surface thereof and covers an entire rear surface of the backlight unit; and" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 70 and claims 71-76, 78 and 79, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 83, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 83 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... the flat display panel being between the backlight unit and the second frame ..., wherein the first frame couples with the case with the insertion of a screw into the first frame fastening part through a rear side of the case and covers an entire rear surface of the backlight unit." "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 83 and claims 84-88, 90, 91 and 94, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 95, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 95 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., wherein the backlight unit is disposed between the first frame and the flat display panel, and the flat display panel is disposed between the backlight unit and the second frame, and wherein the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the backlight unit." "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 95 and claims 96-98, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 102, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 102 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., wherein the light unit is disposed between the first frame and the flat display panel, and the flat display panel is disposed between the light unit and the second frame, and wherein the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the light unit;" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 102 and claims 103-105 and 107, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 109, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 109 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., wherein the light unit is disposed between the first frame and the flat display panel, and the flat display panel is disposed between the light unit and the second frame, and wherein the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the light unit; and" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 109 and claims 110-115, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 128, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 128 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., wherein the flat display panel is

positioned between the first frame and the second frame and the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the flat display panel" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 128 and claims 129-131, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 141, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 141 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... the first frame is positioned to the rear relative to the second frame and the flat display panel and covers an entire rear surface of the flat display panel" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 141 and claims 142 and 143, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 144, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 144 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., wherein the backlight unit is disposed between the first frame and the flat display panel, and the backlight unit is disposed between the backlight unit and the second frame, and wherein the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the backlight unit." "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 144 is allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 150, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 150 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., and the first frame is positioned towards the rear of the flat panel display device and covers an entire rear surface of the flat display panel when the flat panel display device is mounted; and" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 150 and claims 151 and 152, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 153, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 153 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., and wherein the backlight unit is disposed between the first frame and the flat display panel, and the backlight unit is disposed between the backlight unit and the second frame, and wherein the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the backlight unit." "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 150 and claim 154, which depends therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

The rejection of claims 67, 68, 80, 81, 92, 93, 99-101, 106, 108, 116-119, 132, 145 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Uchiyama" is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 56, claims 67 and 68, which depend from claim 56, are allowable over the cited reference.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 70, claims 80 and 81, which depend from claim 70, are allowable over the cited reference.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 83, claims 92 and 93, which depend from claim 83, are allowable over the cited reference.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 95, claims 99-101, which depend from claim 95, are allowable over the cited reference.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 102, claims 106 and 108, which depend from claim 102, are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 116, as amended, is allowable over "Uchiyama" in that claim 116 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "..., wherein the light unit is disposed between the first frame and the flat display panel, and the flat display panel is disposed between the light unit and the second frame, and wherein the first frame covers an entire rear surface of the light unit;" "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 116 and claims 117-119, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 128, claim 132, which depends from claim 128, is allowable over the cited reference.

Because "Uchiyama" does not teach or suggest at least aforementioned feature of claim 144, claim 145, which depends from claim 144, is allowable over the cited reference.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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